

Thank you Mr. President, Mauro, Jan,

Thank you very much for your nice conclusion and very interesting conclusions that gave the possibility to Jan to express some follow-ups and I want to mention from the very beginning that my final speech is the easiest because, you know, all of us are blessed when we have the possibility to say thank you.

So, dear colleagues, dear friends and next I want to thank you, all the participants, because, as I said yesterday at the press conference that I had the honor to hold together with Mr. Boillat, the most important thing when you have to invest in people is people. So, without you, the conference couldn't take place ... So my warmest thanks to all the participants.

Taking into consideration your remarks, which I had the possibility to share with you during these two days, I want to understand that it was a special event and I want to thank you again, all of you, because you appreciated the work of my people.

Of course, it is very important to remember how all of this started 6 months ago. I don't want to speak about all the past 6 months, so I'll be very brief. At the end of November or beginning of December, maybe, there were discussions between Ilina Taneva and Alina Barbu, so this was the way that, all this interesting journey, interesting adventure started because to organize a conference of this dimension is always a challenge and an adventure. So, I want to thank in a special way my colleague and my friend, Alina Barbu, because it was from her that our commitment to organize this conference started and I am very happy that today we can say that, we did it. I want to address special thanks to Mr. Philippe Boillat who gave his accord to organize it in Bucharest this year and to the Council of Europe because they gave us their trust and confidence to organize this conference in Romania.

For the final results of the conference, there were 3 teams who worked very hard to put all the details together. First of all, the Council of Europe team and, once again, I want to thank Ilina Taneva, Dominique Wulfran and Georgia Spada and special thanks to Jaime Rodriguez because without him the visibility was a little bit, how to say, difficult. So this conference was very good managed in the media way by Jaime – thank you very much.

The NAP, National Prison Administration and the Probation Service worked a lot and I want to thank Mariana, Aurora, Radu, Adi, Adrian, Cristina, Andreea and Simona and special thanks to the guy who organized the teams, who monitored everything and who led this team, Mr. Cristi Plesa, thank you Cristi!

Of course, yesterday I forgot to mention our host, so I want to thank the Intercontinental Hotel, there are 2 ladies who gave us all their support, Monica Horjea and Delia Filipovski, so anything, any problem that we encountered was solved immediately and this is why in the future years, if we have to organize special events, we will choose the Intercontinental.

Of course, I also want to thank the interpreters, without them, I think, the communication could be very hard and to the speakers and, of course, to the chairs of this conference because all of them are wonderful and, last but not least, I want to thank to the Ministry of Finance in Romania because without money we cannot ...

There are two ladies very, very dedicated and passionate in their work and I want to thank my colleague Ioana Mihaela Morar because she was very involved in this and Liliana Iuliana Carbutaru because she is my friend ... you are wonderful and together we are a successful team, thank you!

And of course, there are a lot of people, unseen, and I want to thank all of them, because sometimes the beautiful things depend on the unseen people.

I will take advantage of the conclusions presented by Mauro and I want to quote a very short paragraph and you will understand in a few moments why ... because I will be near Jan to speak about some, one follow up, not some follow up.

From another perspective, education in a wider sense still needs to be added and emphasized because the key message from the Council of Europe in this area, as well as the crimes and sanctions are concerned, is prevention ... So my dear colleagues and my dear friends, I think the prison of the future must be the prison of the education and, of course, the IT&C will take a very important role because today we cannot speak about education without IT&C. So I make a kind request, unofficial, of course, to the Council of Europe, to our colleagues, our partners and our friends from the Council of Europe: Let's have a conference with this topic! And I think what Jan mentioned before could be part in this big conference dedicated to the most important thing in the world and this is education.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in the Netherlands because I understand that the Netherlands will be the host of the next conference and I want to finish with two small announcements. ... All of you said: "We want the movie that Jorg Jesse presented in the morning" because a lot of you came to me and asked: "Can I have this movie?" ... So I spoke with Jorg before he left and there are 2 small details to solve – to speak with the producer and to the actors and after this is solved, I think all of us could have this movie.

And secondly, at half past six in the lobby we will have a fifteen-minute walk from the center of Bucharest to our location, to our special dinner and I thank again the Council of Europe for the generosity, *Caru' cu bere* is the name of the restaurant, some of you know this name very well, so I'm looking forward to seeing you there ... Thank you once again! God bless you!